

Mr. Parsons by leave withdrew his motion when the bill was made the special order for 12 o'clock tomorrow.

The Senate was informed by message that the House had agreed to all the Senate amendments to bill to provide for auditing and settling all claims against the State on account of volunteers called out by the Governor or Committee of Safety except the 8th one.

A joint resolution relative to the pay of Captain Sansom's company. Read 2nd time. Mr. Guinn offered the following amendment: "provided the company was acting under proper authority." Lost, whereupon the resolution was made special order for 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, January 4, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Shelley presented the memorial of D. L. Cross asking permission to cut a canal through the reservation near the City of Austin. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to provide for auditing and settling all claims against the State on account of volunteers called out by the Governor and Committee of Safety. Read 2nd time. The vote being taken on Mr. Erath's motion to recede from the 8th amendment resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Erath, Graham, Harcourt, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Obenchain, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, Shepard, and Weatherford—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Durant, Finlay, Guinn, Hartley, Moore, Parsons, Selman, and Wheeler—12.

A bill suspending all laws of limitation, &c. Read 2nd time. The vote on Mr. Graham's amendment was as follows:

YEAS — Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Graham, Houston, Mitchell, Obenchain, Reed, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—16.

NAYS — Messrs. Branch, Erath, Finlay, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Jordan, Lea, Moore, Parsons, and Scarborough—[11].

Mr. Durant offered the following amendment: "provided the benefits of this Act shall extend only to such as may be in the military service of the State or Confederacy and thereby denied the opportunity to bring suit to maintain their rights."

Mr. Finlay moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was refused by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Darden, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Obenchain, and Weatherford—[10].

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Hartley, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shellely, Shepard, and Wheeler—[21].

Mr. Finlay then offered the following as a substitute which was accepted: "provided that this law shall not apply to any class of claims except debts due on bills, bonds, promissory notes, and contracts for the payment of money." Laid on table.

Mr. Boyd moved to indefinitely postpone the bill and amendments, whereupon Mr. Guinn moved to lay the motion on the table, which was carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Branch, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Durant, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Selman, Shelley, Shepard, and Wheeler—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, Crawford of Jasper, Mitchell, Scarborough, and Weatherford—6.

Mr. Shepard offered a substitute for the bill, whereupon Mr. Shelley moved to so amend as to suspend limitation until 60 days after declaration of peace. The substitute and proposed amendment adopted.

Mr. Weatherford then offered the following amendment: "provided that this Act shall not be construed to effect any settler upon any league or leagues of land in this State." Laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Erath, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, and Shepard—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Burnett, Casey, Finlay, Graham, Houston, Obenchain, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—9.

The previous question being ordered the bill was ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Branch, Craw-

ford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Erath, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, and Shepard—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Burnett, Casey, Durant, Finlay, Graham, Obenchain, Reed, and Weatherford—8. The rule was then suspended, bill read third time and passed.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Austin, January 4, 1862.

**Gentlemen of the Senate and
House of Representatives:**

I am this morning in receipt of a communication from five of our members in the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States informing me "that large quantities of the clothing and supplies furnished by the patriotic citizens of our State to the Texas volunteers in the army on the Potomac are now lying scattered at various stations between Niblett's Bluff and Richmond and unless cared for by some suitable person will be lost and destroyed." They call upon the Executive to appoint an agent "to proceed at once to be responsible for searching out these packages at once to be responsible for searching out these packages and providing for their certain transmission to their points of destination.

I appreciate fully the importance of the suggestions made by our members of Congress and believe that under the 3rd section of a joint resolution passed by your honorable body and approved on 23rd November, 1861, I have the power to appoint an agent to carry out the object sought to be accomplished, yet no appropriation is made to carry out its provisions. I can but say that I am in daily receipt of petitions and letters calling my attention to the destitute condition of our soldiers in the field, that they are most certainly in a deplorable condition brought on from various causes but attributable in a great measure to a scarcity of good bedding and clothing. Something should be done and done promptly to relieve the wants and distresses of those brave spirits in the field, and I do hope and trust that the Legislature will at once make an appropriation of such sum as they may deem advisable for this patriotic purpose and to meet such appropriation subject [to] the specie funds now in the Treasury. I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
F. R. Lubbock

The message was referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper introduced a bill to reduce the salary of all public officers where the Constitution does not prohibit it. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

The Finance Committee reported a bill to raise a loan and provide a specific tax to meet the interest and principal under the Constitution. Read 1st time. Also, a bill to provide for the printing of blank Treasury warrants with the following amendment: strike out "two thousand" and insert "twelve hundred."

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor the following:

A bill for the relief of purchasers of University lands.

A bill for relief of William V. Hughes, assignee of Jonathan Bird.

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform reported the discontinuance of the asylum for the blind and the appropriation of money to send the pupils now in the institution to their respective counties.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had adopted a substitute for the Senate's bill to provide arms and ammunition for the military defence of the State, and had passed a bill to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of an Act authorizing a loan and imposing a specific tax, &c., &c., and a bill for relief of Philander Priestley.

Joint resolution providing for auditing the claims of Captain Sansom's company of volunteers. Read 3rd time and passed, Messrs. Crawford of Jasper, Durant, and Guinn voting nay.

A bill regulating estrays. Read 2nd time. The repealing clause, section 6, was stricken out, and bill passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed. Mr. Graham moved to strike out "dime" in first section and insert "25 cents." Lost when yeas and nays were called, and bill lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Darden, Erath, Finlay, Harcourt, Houston, Lea, Mitchell, Reed, Scarborough, and Shepard—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Branch, Burnett, Cook, Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Graham, Guinn, Moore, Parsons, Selman, and Weatherford—[13].

Mr. Guinn moved to reconsider. Mr. Graham to lay the motion on table, whereupon Mr. Harcourt moved a

call which was sustained. Mr. Weatherford moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock P. M. Lost. The Senate being full, Mr. Graham's motion was put and lost, when Mr. Guinn's motion was put and carried. The bill was then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Cook, Darden, Erath, Finlay, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, and Shepard—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Branch, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Graham, Guinn, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Selman, Weatherford, and Wheeler—15.

The Senate then adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

A bill to incorporate the Aransas Salt Works Company. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed, Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, and Crawford of Jasper voting nay.

A bill to regulate the entry of headrights by the county courts of the State. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read third time and passed.

A bill for relief of W. L. Chalmers. Read 2nd time. Mr. Erath offered the following amendment: "that all the officers and men called out and serving by order of the Governor on the same campaign shall receive the difference due them under the different laws and that the sum of \$60,000 is hereby appropriated to carry out the objects of this Act."

Amend caption by adding "and all officers and men called out by Governor Houston in the spring of 1860."

Mr. Shelley proposed to insert "under the Act of February 14, 1860. Accepted. Mr. Guinn moved an indefinite postponement which was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Graham, Guinn, Moore, Obenchain, and Wheeler—[10].

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Casey, Cook, Darden, Erath, Finlay, Harcourt, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, Shepard, and Weatherford—[17]

Mr. Guinn offered a substitute authorizing the Comptroller to audit the claims of W. L. Chalmers as quartermaster for 60 days under the frontier bill. Mr. Shelley moved to lay on table. Lost. The question on its adop-

tion was then put and carried. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend the Act prescribing the mode of establishing the liabilities of drawers and endorsers of bills of exchange and promissory notes, approved March 20, 1848. Read 2nd time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to prevent judgment liens from becoming dormant. Read 2nd time. Substitute of committee adopted and made special order for Monday next at 12 o'clock M.

A message was received from House informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill appropriating money for transporting clothing to the volunteers, which was taken up. Read 1st time. Rule suspended, read 2nd time. Mr. Beasley offered the following amendment, "that the agent be required to take an oath and give bond in double the amount of the sum advanced to him." Laid on the table.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper offered the following amendment: "provided that the 1/10th of the annual revenue set aside by the Constitution for the benefit of public schools shall not be considered as appropriated by this Act." Laid on table. The bill was then read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide arms and ammunition for military defence of the State referred to Committee on Finance.

A bill to provide a hospital fund. Referred to Finance Committee.

A bill for relief of Philander Priestley. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to amend 2nd and 3rd sections of an Act authorizing a loan and imposing specific tax, &c., &c. Referred to Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend section 3 of an Act relative to the organization of the lunatic asylum. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to protect public buildings. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Monday.

Monday, January 6, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

A message from House informed the Senate that the House had passed the following Senate bills:

Joint resolution to authorize and require the Adjutant General to collect the necessary information to make a